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Union Aid Extended To Music Club

First Sunday evening Music Club concert of the year will be subsidized to a maximum of \$80 by the Students' Union, it was decided at Council Wednesday.

This action was necessary due to a Board of Governors ruling that does not permit university buildings to be used for organized secular activities on Sunday.

From a small meeting in Athabaska lounge the Music Club expanded to the use of Convocation Hall. Overtown enthusiasts were sold associate memberships, while students on the campus held season tickets.

It was the financial dealings with outside patrons that objection was taken to, and that will be eliminated this year. Sunday evening concerts will be free to music lovers from off the campus.

In the past the club has also sponsored a Celebrity series, but the executive has declared they will use only local talent this year.

Tentative date for the first Music Club concert has been set at Oct. 30, pending approval from University officials.



HANDING OUT FAGGOTS at annual Wauneita Initiations are three junior tribal members. The faggots, which represent toll, are being given out by Adrielle Quon and Jean Bailey, wearing the ceremonial blanket, while classmate Shelagh Nolan tells the girls about Wauneita. About 200 freshettes were present at the ritual.

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—Photo by Tats.



Pension plan for Walter Dinwoodie, permanent Students' Union Secretary, was approved by council Wednesday night. The plan will be channelled through the University, using the same contributory method that is used by it.

Veterans' Smoker Starts CURMA

CURMA will hold a smoker in the Connaught Armories (South Side), Oct. 14, when veterans may purchase memberships at the door. Refreshments will cost 20 cents, but admission will be free to members.

Veterans' activities are still in operation on the campus, with the loan fund and housing bureau commanding most interest. Liaison is still carried between the university and DVA, and any student veteran may discuss his problems either at the general meeting to be held at a time convenient to most members, or in the CURMA office in Hut G every day from 12 noon until 1 p.m.

This year, memberships cost only 50 cents, and all prospective members are urged to contact officers of the organization in the CURMA office any noon hour.

Gain 3 Weeks Lectures

50 Minute Periods On Campus This Year

Most classes in Arts and Science, Med, Ag, Dent and Law have been increased from forty-five to fifty minutes this year. The five-minute increase will effect a gain of 3 weeks in the teaching time of these courses during the year.

This increase in class time has been effected by the Faculty Council for two reasons. There is the matter of time saved and the fact that this move will help in a small way to relieve the congestion in the halls and rotundas during the between class rush hour. It will do this by keeping students moving rather than standing in small groups.

Some Ed students who take Arts courses in the Arts and Science building will have a shorter time in which to make the trip.

To help these students the instructors will release them in time to go to their next class. This adjustment will also be made for students who have classes in the Math building.

Circus Time

Choose 3 Students To Run For King

It's circus time come a week this Saturday! The place is the Drill Hall, where the annual masquerade Mardi Gras Ball will be sponsored in the evening by the Arts and Science Club.

Plans are now being made by the club's executive for this yearly event, which will be tops in novelty and dancing entertainment. With circus-time as this year's theme of the brightly-colored merriment, balloons galore will be floating in the atmosphere of the gym, and side-shows will be provided to amuse sitters-out.

The executive made a particularly urgent plea that frolickers refrain from tearing down the costly decorations. Such damage would cost the Students' Union a large sum of money. The balloons which are unharmed will be donated to the crippled children's hospital, as has been the custom in former years.

Highlight of the masquerade ball will be the crowning of the King of the Mardi Gras. There are three candidates for this honor. Voting for the pride of the coeds will take place from 9:30 to 12 and from 2 to 4 on Friday, the day preceding the Ball. All coeds are eligible to cast their vote for Mardi Gras King. Ballot boxes will be placed in the Wauneita Rooms of the Arts Building, in the Education Building, and in the Nurses' Residence.

Nominated for Mardi Gras King by Pembina-dwellers is Bob Hatfield, a first year Med student. Bob played interfac basketball for two years and also participates in bowling, badminton and tennis. This year

he is president of the Mixed Chorus. He was Tuesday News Editor of The Gateway last year. He is a member of the Golden Key Society.

Dr. Lloyd MacLean is the Nurses candidate for King of the Mardis Gras. An interne at the University Hospital, 24-year-old Dr. MacLean is a member of Phi Kappa Pi Fraternity. He was head of the Frosh Introduction Committee in 1945, and in 1947 was awarded a silver "A" executive ring. A Californian, MacLean is active in hockey, tennis and golf.

Prize male on the campus for the Pan-Hellenic is Jim Fleming, 24-year-old third year Ag student. An outstanding athlete, Fleming played professional hockey with Kansas City, and for the past two years has captained the Varsity Golden Bears. Last year he was awarded the Purcell Trophy as the outstanding member of the hockey team.

Fleming spent one and one-half years in the Navy, receiving his discharge as a Sub-Lieutenant. He is affiliated with the Phi Delta Theta.

During the Mardi Gras prizes will be awarded for the most artistic,

Voice Test For U of A Chorus

University Mixed Chorus hopes to have all voice tests completed by the end of this week.

Arrangements for the tests may be made with Mr. Eaton, Hut H. Any students who wish to join the Chorus and who did not apply last Saturday may do so by contacting Mr. Eaton. Next rehearsal for the Chorus will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 8, in Med 158.

Those members of the Chorus who plan to leave town for the Thanksgiving holiday should contact some member of the executive and notify them of their intentions so that suitable arrangements can be made. If possible, please contact Bob Hatfield in 204 Athabaska Hall.

original and funniest costumes at the Ball. Arts and Science Club executives urge an extended effort at ingenuity, and encourage everyone to come in some sort of outlandish costume. However, lack of unusual attire will be no reason for being barred from the dance.

Kay Pitcher's Orchestra will play. The dance will begin at 9 o'clock in the Drill Hall.

Charge of admission for Arts and Science Club members will be 25c per person. Non-members will be levied 50c each.

Publishers Written

Shocking State Exists In Canada

Building Fund Money To Spare

When plans were complete for the new Students' Union Building, members of council were deeply concerned with the financing of the project. The main worries of council appear to be solved, for the present at least.

The present contracts call for a total expenditure of nearly \$480,000 on the actual erection of the building. This cost may increase slightly between now and completion; however, no immediate projects are planned that would add measurably to this estimate.

In the building fund at the present time there is a total of \$130,000. This is more than was anticipated at the outset, and more than meets immediate requirements.

A Provincial loan of \$400,000 was granted, making a total working capital of \$530,000, much more than required to fulfil present obligations.

This apparent surplus may be used as an initial capital for the commencing of Stage II, which calls for a gym and a swimming pool. These projects were originally scheduled for Stage I, but were deleted when it was feared that costs would not be met.

All signs now point to the successful conclusion of the biggest project ever begun by the Students' Union.

Squaws Squawk As Tribe Initiates

War whoops greeted Athabaska residents Thursday evening, as more than 200 freshettes were initiated into the tribe Wauneita. Initiation ceremonies were held in Athabaska Gym.

The secret rites were performed by the light of miniature campfires, while members of the Wauneita Society executive handed symbols of unity to the initiates. After singing the Wauneita song, the girls were taken to Caf for refreshments.

Special guests at the initiation were Miss Maimie Simpson, Miss Pat Austin, Mrs. Richard Eaton, Mrs. H. T. Sparby, and Miss Mabel Patrick. Eira Jones, president of the society, presided at the central campfire.

In the hushed room, Jo Stewart led the girls from group to group, where the tribal chieftains welcomed them into the society. The new Wauneita squaws are now members of the secret camp, whose motto is, "Payuk uche kukyow, kukyow uche payuk," "each for all and all for each."

ESS MEET

Next ESS meeting will take place Oct. 13 at 7:30 in Med. 158.

Excessive cost of text books has been seriously rapped by two university organizations, National Federation of Canadian University Students and National Congress of Canadian Universities.

NFCUS has sent several letters to the Canadian representatives of American publishing companies. During their conference in Ottawa last spring a delegation was sent to see the Prime Minister.

NCCU has also been working on the problem of getting publishers' agents to cut their prices. Last year they formed a special committee to investigate and report on these exorbitant prices. The report of this committee has been released by Dr. Johns, the Alberta delegate to the NCCU.

This survey of text book prices in Canada has revealed several startling facts. The difference in price of a text in the U.S. and the same text in Canada is forcefully revealed by this survey.

Using an American book retailing for 5.00 as a basis for comparison, the facts concerning the cost of the same book in Canada, as revealed in report of the NCCU Committee on Text Books, are interesting. The book will cost the Canadian importer \$2.00 f.o.b. New York. With cost of freight, sales tax and brokerage charges this becomes \$2.40. Devaluation of the dollar will add an addition 24c to the whole price. Such a book will sell in Canada for \$6.50.

The NCCU report reveals that the profit to the distributing agent of the book will be about \$1.75. The committee felt that this was excessive.

Some actual examples were cited by the committee. A book on hospital construction, selling at \$7.50 in the U.S., retails for \$13.25 in Canada. A European History, necessary to

the university student, is \$5.50 in the States but \$8.50 here.

English books are also in a high price range, and a comparison of prices reveals several discrepancies. With a 25 shillings book used as an example of the English price, the same book would cost the Canadian student anywhere from \$7.50 to \$5.25, depending on the margin of profit on which the book seller may be operating. A further discrepancy occurs on some books—a 25 shillings book on socialism sells for \$6.00, a 15 shillings book on weather sells for \$7.00.

The recently released report of the NCCU committee reveals many interesting facts about the reasons for these and many other similar discrepancies. NCCU has made some advances to the book sellers with a view to reducing prices, and during the summer the Committee on Text Books drew up several resolutions which will be placed in force and add further to the growing protestations of Canadian students over the cost of their texts.

Needs Attention

Council Group To Study Building Administration

Students' Council Wednesday night set up a committee to study the problem of administration of the Students' Union Building.

A problem that has been barely dealt with to date, it is expected to require no little effort before definite plans are formulated.

At the outset it was agreed that the Union would be responsible for the construction and furnishing of the building and that the University would handle all maintenance problems.

At that time the most important phase of the arrangements were those of construction and the maintenance was relegated until a later date. Now that the building is out of the preliminary stages, Miller feels that the time has come for all agreements to be finalized.

The new committee will consist of five members, under the leadership of Varge Gilchrist.

Gilchrist, while in the East as representative to the NFCUS confer-

ence, talked the matter over with representatives of eastern and American universities which have similar buildings. He received a great deal of advice, and it is expected the Alberta union will be saved much of the trouble suffered by other institutions in the handling of their problems.

Miller suggested that problems might arise in connection with janitorial service, heat, light, water bills, the letting of leases for certain parts of the building, concessions for smoke stands, etc., replacement of damaged furniture, and several other matters concerning the maintenance of the new project.

Five council members were elected to the committee under the chairmanship of Varge Gilchrist, NFCUS rep, are: Michael O'Byrne, Law rep, Pat Scott, Lit Society rep, Eira Jones, Wauneita, and Malcolm MacDonald, Ag. They plan to confer with University officials to arrive at some mutually convenient agreements.

Mardi Gras Voting Takes Place Oct. 14

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NFCUS And The Student

Students of the University of Alberta sent two delegates to the annual conference of the National Federation of Canadian University Students held this summer at the University of Ottawa.

We wonder how many students realized this.

It is a recognized fact that too few students know anything about NFCUS, its composition, what it has done for students, what it is attempting to do, and what it can do in the future.

Perhaps this is due in part to lack of publicity in the campus press and perhaps in part to the fact that NFCUS has kept itself out of the limelight by working behind the scenes. It has been known to most students as an organization of fine resolutions and idealism.

That is not a complete picture. NFCUS has been responsible for the reduced student rates on travel instituted as far back as 1932.

At present it is concentrating on two worthwhile projects—federal aid to universities and reduced costs on textbooks.

Students in universities across Canada contribute the small sum of six cents to maintain the national federation. With the addition of a relative low amount (\$140 for the U of A) for a nation-wide travel pool, they are enabled to send two representatives from their universities to a national conference.

The benefits of such a conference are many. The delegates are able to compare notes with each other, thus ensuring that the students of their respective camps are receiving the best that student government can give them. In

their discussions over the conference table the particular problems of an individual university may be solved by learning what another campus has done to overcome them. Plans to cope with national difficulties, such as travel, scholarships, and text book costs, can be drafted.

In addition to the solving of such problems, there is scope for the federation in the sponsorship of tours of well-known, authoritative speakers, intervarsity drama and music festivals, and national debates.

This can be done with the student's six cents—and his willingness to support and encourage these activities.

To bring NFCUS closer to the average student should be one of its immediate aims. One of the soundest suggestions in this regard is the creation of a local NFCUS committee under the chairmanship of the campus representative of the federation. The committee should be composed of delegates from all the major clubs on the campus. It is understood that plans to this effect are now under way. Such action should have been taken some time ago.

It is up to the campus clubs and their members to swing solidly behind the NFCUS representative, for only through united action can we obtain concrete results. Staunch backing on the local front means better representation at the national conference. The delegate can go to the annual meet knowing what the students he represents want and need.

University students should be acquiring a national and international conscience and outlook. NFCUS offers this to any student eager to participate.

Free Concerts

University students this year will have an opportunity of going to hear free musical events.

The University Musical Club concerts, a series presenting varsity musicians to the public, this year will be Union backed and there will be no admission to the concerts. This is the first time that any large musical event on the campus has been admission free.

And if the Rubinoff concert of last Wednesday is any indication of the way in which the students will take advantage of these free concerts, the Musical Club recitals should be well attended.

David Rubinoff, celebrated American violinist, presented a free program for the University students last Wednesday, and Con Hall was packed by the crowd that turned out to hear him. There was barely standing room left for any late comers to the concert. Rubinoff was the first celebrity to offer his services free of charge, and he may be the last. But we hope not! The Rubinoff concert was a step in the right direction, and so are the free Musical Club Sunday evenings.

It is to be hoped that other overtown groups who are sponsoring celebrities in recital will be able to arrange for a free concert at the University. The Optimist Club, who brought Rubinoff to Edmonton, was the first to see the advantage of asking these artists to perform on

Textbook Cost

University of Toronto students will pay ten percent less for their textbooks this year.

The manager of that university's bookstore declared that it was an effort on the part of the president and the board of governors to reduce the high cost of books since "the cost of texts has risen out of all proportion to fees."

In addition to this, keen competition is being waged between a Toronto bookstore dealing in university books and the university bookstore. When the university announced its intention of reducing textbook costs ten percent the downtown bookseller followed with a twenty percent cut.

The National Federation of Canadian University Students is reported to be investigating the excessive cost of books. It is to be regretted that action could not be taken early enough to benefit students this fall.

Perhaps the report from the east is worth investigation by University of Alberta officials. As one U of T official remarked, "It's a swell year for the student"—in Toronto.

the campus. There are many other artists brought to the city each year who would probably be only too willing to play to an appreciative audience of varsity students, and it is possible that the students will get a chance to hear them.

McGILL FORMS FROSH CLUB

Formation of a "First Year Club" to help freshmen become better acquainted with campus activities was announced recently by Dave Foyer, chairman of the Freshman Reception Committee.

The club will continue throughout the year the function of the committee. Freshmen themselves, however, will run the activities on the advice of upperclassmen, he said.

All students attending McGill for the first time in undergraduate courses automatically become members of the First Year Club. There will be no collection of fees. All expenses will be financed by the Students' Executive Council pending approval of the new club's proposed budget, it was learned.

The First Year Club makes no attempt to segregate the freshman from the other regular groups who take part in extra-curricular activities on the campus. Rather its purpose is to help Freshmen acquaint themselves with the many opportunities available at McGill so that they make the fullest advantage of them, Foyer explained.

Council Awards Contract To Clubs

Student Council appears prepared to aid student clubs in their financial difficulties by farming out work that is otherwise done by commercial firms.

This was apparent in the awarding of mimeograph and binding work on the Students' Union Constitution to the Student Christian Movement and the Gold Key Society.

This is a departure from the usual procedure of having the work printed and bound in small books. Council decided this was unnecessary expense because so few students ever receive copies.

Mimeograph copies will be found in the Students' Union office after the work is done, and although relatively few copies will be printed, to start with, a master stencil will be retained.

Council felt that work that has in the past been awarded outside firms could be done by student groups. This would help to relieve the financial difficulties experienced by many clubs each year.

Clubs Must Submit Budgets To UAB

First financial communication of the term came recently from UAB Treasurer Tom Mayson, who is currently working on the Master Budget for '49-'50 athletics.

Mayson requests the treasurers of all clubs and teams affiliated with or sponsored by the UAB to submit a copy of their tentative budget to the Phys. Ed. office before Oct. 15. "The earlier the better," says Tom.

Clubs failing to submit a budget will be ineligible for UAB funds this year. Further details may be had from George Hughes at 33086 or Tom Mayson at 24198 or 32787.

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After a hearty residence dinner of fillet of gopher (they supply the gopher and you fillet), pate de foie gras (consisting of pate foie covered with grass) and peasant under unbreakable glass, I betook myself to my boudoir on the third floor, to quietly lay down and die.

"Nice meal," I said to my roommate, Coke Oven, who was flaked out on his bed.

It was only after I had consumed a bottle of bromo and a mickey of iodine that I noticed my roommate was not on the bed after all. On second glance I observed that it was not Coke Oven, but an open half-filled suitcase lying on the bed.

The confusion was understandable, for Coke has a square jaw and a mottled alligator complexion.

"You around, Coke?" I called.

"Here in the closet," came a muffled voice.

Opening the closet door I found Coke dangling from a hanger. He grinned sheepishly and looked as meek as a lamb.

"What are we doing there?" I inquired.

"Hung myself up instead of a suit," he muttered as I let him down. "I'm all in a dither."

I told him to get a grip on himself. Later he came back with a grip, put it on and claimed he felt much better.

"You look as if you're leaving," I observed as he let a long rope of knotted bedsheet down from the window. We coolly ignored a group of shapely Pembinites who swarmed up the bed-sheet rope, dashed through room into the corridor with shrill cries of "Get out da ethynol, boys, here we are!"

Coke shivered and began to tremble like a bowl of jelly on a reviviting machine. His face turned as white as a residence sheet.

Starting in surprise at his grey countenance I asked him what was the matter. "Tell me all about it, son, it won't get past me," I said as I took out a tape recorder, several notebooks and a stenographer who had nothing better to do.

"I'm leaving," Coke grunted, "I'm leaving varsity, I tell ya."

"But," I smiled with a shrug of my massive shoulders, "the year has

just begun. You have just arrived here. You can't leave this soon."

"I can't take it any longer," he sniffed and wiped away a tear from a Whistler's Mother on the wall.

"Can't take what?" I asked with a sly wink at the audience.

"It's those darned profs," he said. (These aren't the exact words he used in describing the profs. What he actually said was "those darned profs.")

Coke continued: "I started varsity this year brimming over with ambition. I was really eager. Then came the first class."

"After we were all seated the prof came into the room. I should've been suspicious when I saw him smoking in the corridor. At the time I had thought it rather odd that the smoke came out of his ears."

"Well, this prof came into the room, grinned evilly at us and said: 'You might as well know 99 percent of you will fail this course.' We sank a little lower in our seats. 'It's my policy to fail everyone but one or two,' snarled the prof. 'It's the only way to make this course worth while.' We sank lower in our seats."

"This is a good course because I'm teaching it—it's too bad none of you'll pass it," he snarled. He looked wwhere we had all slid down on to the floor, and beckoned to a janitor: 'Sweep this trash out of here,' he growled and stalked out of the room."

"In the second class we had a meek little prof who hardly spoke above a whisper. 'You should read all these books,' his whispered. Two hours later he finished listing them."

"Beary-eyed we looked up. 'I warn you that unless you read all of these books you have no possible chance of passing this course,' said the prof. 'My lectures will have absolutely nothing to do with the course. If you want to pass, don't pay any attention to them.'"

"Then he read off a pile more book titles. 'None of these books

have been published yet, but you're expected to know them,' he sniffed. 'The final exam will be on the hundred most important volumes.'

"Still shaking we went to the next class. It was an important class because I had to have this particular subject for my degree. The prof stormed in, looked around and roared: 'You're all in the wrong class. You just think you want to take this subject. Why don't you all quit university and get jobs?' He began to get red in the face. 'You don't wanta take this course. Get outa here all of you!'"

Coke Oven trembled. "The same thing went on all day. By the end of the day I knew varsity was no place for me. I knew I could never pass a subject. So I'm going."

With suitcase in hand, Coke stepped to the window and started towards the rope of knotted bed sheets.

"Gimme a hand, will you?" he asked.

I speeded his descent to the ground by cutting the rope when he was halfway down. It was the least I could do for the poor guy.

GENERAL UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

The four general regulations listed below are rules of long standing at the University of Alberta. They are brought to your attention by request of the Deans' Council at the opening of another academic year, so that new students may be informed and old students reminded of the need for co-operation in maintaining them.

- (1) University buildings may not be used on Sundays for organized secular activities.
- (2) Smoking in classrooms and laboratories is prohibited.
- (3) The operation of radios and phonographs in the academic buildings of the University during working hours, except for instructional purposes, is forbidden.
- (4) The use of, bringing or having of liquor on University premises including residences is prohibited.

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